REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 21 and 22 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

At the time of the Decision on Appeal ("Decision"), claims 20-22 stood rejected under the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Decision states that the rejection is reversed as to claim 20 and affirmed as to claims 21 and 22. *See* Decision, page 22. By this Amendment, claims 21 and 22 are cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, allowance of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

At the time of the Decision, claims 1-3 stood rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Decision states that the rejection is reversed and, thus, moot. *See* Decision, page 22. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-3 is respectfully requested.
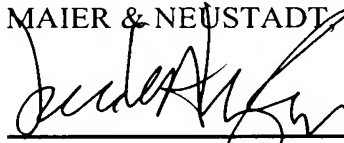
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

At the time of the Decision, claims 1-22 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0171868 to Geisendoerfer et al. ("Geisendoerfer"). The Decision states that the rejection is reversed as to claims 1-20 and 22 and affirmed as to claim 21. *See* Decision, page 22. By this Amendment, claim 21 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are in condition for

allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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